

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

Approved By:

January 7, 2004

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Selectman Douglass, Wells and Rice present.

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
- Quit Claim Deed and Property Transfer Declaration for Alice Atwood
- Shellfish Warden Appointment

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Open Sander bids

One bid was submitted by Harry Doughty for \$50.00. The Selectmen voted to accept the bid.

- **Meet with Martha Smith and the ACO concerning dogs running loose in Sebasco Meeting was held. The Chief of Police, John Skroski, reported that he made 17 visits to the area over the last two weeks as well as walking the road on 6 occasions. He also talked to some of the dog owners in the area. The ACO, Kathy Stead, has visited the area 12 to 20 times over the last month and recently impounded one dog from the area whose owner will be summonsed. The ACO will continue monitoring the situation.**

- Meet with Carol Doughty concerning Road Crew Standby Pay

Ms. Doughty, taxpayer and mother of the current Road Commissioner, explained standby pay to the Board of Selectmen as pay for a truck and operator to be ready 24/7 to plow and sand.

- Discuss the disposal of the overhead doors from the Fire Station

This issue was discussed with Gene Coffin and the Fire Chief, Jim Totman. Mr. Coffin questioned the disposal of the doors because he wanted to bid on them. The proposal for the replacement of the overhead doors was reviewed and it was determined that the contractor (PDQ) was responsible for their disposal. Mr. Coffin was told to contact PDQ Doors if he was interested in obtaining them or wished to know where they went.

- Meet with the Percy's concerning their use of the Popham Wharf

Meeting held with Jack Percy, Jackson Percy, Pat Percy, Doug Alexander (Harbormaster) and members of the Town Landing Committee. Arthur Pierce, Chairman of the Town Landing Committee, gave a brief history of how the Town obtained the Wharf through a state lease. There was much discussion on how the Wharf has been used by the Percy family. The Selectmen requested that the Chief of Police vigorously enforce the Town Landing Ordinance. The Harbormaster would be consulted to determine if an emergency situation exists which would endanger a boat, therefore allowing it to be moored at the Wharf for an extended period of time. If anyone needs to store equipment on the Wharf due to an emergency or moor their boat up to it due to an emergency, they are to receive permission from one of the following starting with a Selectmen, Chief of Police, Harbormaster or a member of the Town Landing Committee.

- Meet with CEO concerning Danish property on Fiddlers Reach
The CEO, Lee Rainey, will draft a letter directing the Danishes to meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss (1) the accumulation of junk on their property and (2) their motorhome being used as a residence.

- Meet with the Assessing Agent
The Assessing Agent, Juanita Wilson, gave an update on the equalization project. The Selectmen approved the personnel property declaration mailing. Peter Roberts discussed the State statute concerning on personnel property.

3. Discuss the following issues:

- CPM invoice for Center Pond Construction
Issue was tabled. Selectman Rice will contact CPM to discuss (1) a credit due to the length of sheet piling used and (2) whether the Town was charged for materials for the second dry hydrant.

- Posted Roads Workshop
The T/A reviewed a list of local contractors who were invited to the Workshop. He will also send invitations to Warren Doughty, Rink Varian and Sebasco Resorts.

- Letters from Perkins and Bunce concerning Septic Systems
Mr. Bunce was present for the review of this letter. Ms. Perkins and Mr. Bunce urged the Selectmen to consider the use of the town-owned property on Parker Head Road for a “community” type septic system.

- Status of Comprehensive Plan

The T/A gave a status update.

- Shellfish Annual Report

Reviewed. The appointment certificate for the Shellfish Warden was signed.

4. Review the following items:

- Shellfish Report
- Local Roads News
- MMA Property and Casualty Pool Audit
- Chamber Connections
- Androscoggin Valley District News
- Rate adjustment letter from Suscom
- Community Policing across Maine
- Legislative Public Hearing Notice and Carry Over update

All items reviewed. Selectmen will discuss the Legislative updates at their next meeting. No further action taken.

5. Discuss attendance at the following meetings, courses, and seminars:

- **None**

6. Miscellaneous:

- **Selectmen approved a vacation day for the T/A on January 16th.**
- **The Road Commissioner, Curtis Doughty, will use New Jersey Barriers as a temporary guardrail at the Center Pond causeway.**

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.